

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application  
BERNA, Philippe et al  
Serial No. 08/321,589  
Filed: Oct. 12, 1994  
For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A  
VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE  
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS  
WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH  
A DEVICE AND ITS USE

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of February 21, 1995, before any  
action, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-2 and 12-14 in amended form:

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--1. (three times amended) The method of making a multipurpose  
device for holding objects by clamping without damaging them comprising the  
steps of:

a) providing a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with  
a section circular or not,

b) placing on said support part at least two movable and removable  
arms which can slide along said support part and be turned around it into at  
least one direction and which can be easily slipped off said support part and  
onto it again,

c) fitting out at least one of the movable arms at a single distance  
from said support part with one substantially elastic buffer having a contact  
face which is essentially at a right angle to said support part and under which  
the thickness is [elastic] large enough so that said buffer could act as a  
compression spring.

--2. (three times amended) A multipurpose device for holding  
objects by clamping without damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with a section circular  
or not,

- at least two movable and removable arms which can slide along said support  
part and be turned around it into at least one direction and which can be easily  
slipped [outwards thereof] off said support part and onto it [inwards] again,

- at least one substantially elastic buffer secured to one of the arms at a  
single distance from said support part and having a contact face which is